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AMERICA AND THE WORLD, THE GROUP OF 15, THE RIO GROUP -- WHERE WE
SHOULD HAVE BEEN UP UNTIL YESTERDAY -- THE GROUP OF 77, PLUS CHINA.
THIS SHOWS THAT VENEZUELA IS NOT ALONE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.
IT SHOWS THAT THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES THE
LEGITIMACY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND COURAGE OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE AS
SHOWN HERE ONCE AGAIN. A SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO INTERNATIONAL
MEDIA, TO THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, AND INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS. I
TELL OUR COUNTRY'S MEDIA THAT THE TIME HAS TRULY COME TO MAKE DEEP
RECTIFICATION. THE RECTIFICATION IS NECESSARY. WE NEED TO RETURN TO
THE PATH OF REASON. IT SEEMS THEY HAVE EVEN LOST THEIR REASON. I
SAY SO. ON BEHALF OF THE PEACEFULLY AND DEMOCRATIC, REVOLUTIONARY
AND BOLIVARIAN GOVERNMENT, I DO NOT COME HERE WITH HATE AND
REVENGE. IT DOES NOT FIT IN MY HEART. OF COURSE, WE MUST MAKE
DECISIONS AND ADJUST MANY THINGS. ALWAYS AND ALWAYS, WE WILL REMAIN
ATTACHED TO THIS ALMOST SACRED CONSTITUTION. AFTER THE BIBLE, THE
BOLIVARIAN CONSTITUTION OF VENEZUELA. THE ACTIONS OF THE BOLIVARIAN
GOVERNMENT WILL ALWAYS BE IN KEEPING WITH THE CONSTITUTION. I MAKE
A CALL ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, GOVERNORS, MAYORS, ALL MEN AND WOMEN
WHO FOLLOW ME ON THIS PATH, NOT TO FALL INTO THE EXTREMES SOME
SECTORS FELL IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. I ALSO CALL ON THEM TO RECTIFY.
WE REVOLUTIONARIES RESPECT THE HUMAN BEING, WE RESPECT HUMAN
DIGNITY AND WE MUST PROVE IT AT TIMES AS THIS. NO RETALIATION.
THERE WILL BE NO WITCH-HUNT HERE. THERE WILL BE NO ABUSES,
PERSECUTION HERE. THERE WILL BE RESPECT FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.
THINGS HAVE TO RETURN TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK, A FRAMEWORK
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THEY LEFT BY THE WILL OF A BLIND MINORITY. PERHAPS DUE TO AMBITION
OR RESENTMENT. I MAKE A CALL ON EVERYONE, THE OPPOSITION.

WE NEED AN OPPOSITION IN VENEZUELA, BUT AN OPPOSITION LOYAL TO
THE COUNTRY, THE PEOPLE, AN OPPOSITION WITH TRUE CRITICISMS, WITH
OPTIONS FOR THE COUNTRY. IT IS NECESSARY FOR ALL PARTIES AND GROUPS
TO ACCEPT THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR ALL LEADERS FROM THE COUNTRY
THAT MAY OPPOSE THIS GOVERNMENT OR THAT MAY DISAGREE WITH A
DECISION OR POLICY REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY COME FROM TO MAKE THEIR
CRITICISMS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OPTIONS KNOWN. THEY SHOULD DO REAL
POLITICS; THEY MUST WORK ON THE STREETS, IN TOWNS BUT WITH ETHICS,

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WITH GOOD FAITH, ACCEPTING WHAT HAS TO BE ACCEPTED. I REPEAT IT, THERE IS A CONSTITUTION HERE, AND THERE IS A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT HERE WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTRY'S GREAT MAJORITIES. THEY HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE MAIN CORE OF THE ARMED FORCES. THERE IS A PROJECT HERE WHERE NO STEP BACKWARDS WILL BE TAKEN. OPPONENTS HAVE EVERY RIGHT. WE HAVE PROVEN IT. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE, THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSEMBLY. ORGANIZE YOURSELVES, GENTLEMEN FROM THE OPPOSITION. DO SERIOUS POLITICS. BE FAIR AND LOYAL TO THE COUNTRY.

DO NOT FALL INTO DESPERATION OR ADVENTURES. SEE WHERE THEY TOOK US. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN ONCE AGAIN THAT THERE ARE TWO COUNTRIES HERE, A VIRTUAL AND A REAL COUNTRY. THE VIRTUAL COUNTRY YOU SURELY SAW IT IN THIS SAME ROOM A FEW HOURS AGO. THE VIRTUAL COUNTRY SET UP A CONSPIRACY WITH THE DESPERATION AND ADVENTURE AND SHOWING A LACK OF RESPECT FOR EVERYTHING, BUT THE REAL COUNTRY FINALLY PREVAILED. REAL COUNTRY HAS THE BANNER OF REASON. IT HAS THE BANNERS OF TRUTH AND INFINITE STRENGTH OF FAITH AND ESPECIALLY LOVE. THESE PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN PROVED IT, THE GLORIOUS PEOPLE OF BOLIVAR PROVED IT. THEY PROVED IT BEFORE THE DOUBTFUL ONES. FOR

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MANY YEARS THEY FOOLED THE PEOPLE, FOR MANY YEARS THEY MANIPULATED THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE WERE OFTEN LED LIKE A LITTLE LAMB. THE PEOPLE FINALLY WOKE UP, AWARE OF THEIR OWN STRENGTH. IT HAS BECOME A HISTORIC ACTOR THAT IS BUILDING A NEW PATH. THE ARMED FORCES, THEIR CADRES, THE CENTRAL STRUCTURE HAS PROVEN ONCE AGAIN THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH MANIPULATION THERE IS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH MANIPULATION OF THE ARMED FORCES THERE IS, OUR MILITARY BOYS ARE THERE AND I KNOW THEM. [APPLAUSE]

MY RECOGNITION AND THAT OF ALL TO THOSE TWO ENTITIES, TO THE ONES I HAVE ALWAYS REFERRED. THEY CONSTITUTE THE MOST POWERFUL STRENGTH AFTER GOD IN THIS VENEZUELA OF TODAY, IN THIS UNSTOPPABLE PROCESS. I AM TALKING ABOUT TWO ELEMENTS THAT ARE REALLY ONE AND THE SAME, THE PEOPLE AND THE MILITARY, THE PEOPLE AND THE ARMED FORCES.

I AM GOING TO TELL YOU A STORY. I WAS SURPRISED. I AM GOING FROM SURPRISE TO SURPRISE. I WAS IN FIVE DIFFERENT PLACES SINCE THEY DAY I LEFT HERE. I WILL TELL YOU THE STORIES. TOMORROW WE HAVE ALSO PRESIDENTS. [APPLAUSE] ACTUALLY IT IS NOT TOMORROW, BUT IN A FEW HOURS. WHAT DID MY ALSO PRESIDENTS TEAM THOUGHT? THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD GO ON A RIDE IN THE CAR ON SUNDAY? THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD REST ON SUNDAY? I WAS ALREADY THINKING ABOUT BROADCASTING IT FROM THE PLACE I WAS STAYING. WE WERE WORKING ON A PLAN.

I STAYED IN FIVE PLACES SINCE EARLY FRIDAY MORNING. THERE WERE BOYS WHO TOLD ME THINGS, SOME CRYING WITH EMOTION IN LA ORCHILA. WE HUGGED. THOSE SOLDIERS WHO YOU SEE WALKING AROUND WITH THEIR RIFLES AND WITH A WRINKLED FACE, THEY ARE NOTHING BUT LOVE. THERE WAS ONE WHO TOLD ME: I COULD NOT BREATHE UNTIL I SAW YOU. I FELT DEAD, HE SAID. THERE WAS ONE WHO TOLD ME PEOPLE WERE SAYING I WAS BEATEN UP,

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THEY SAID I WAS TORTURED TO SIGN THE RESIGNATION. I'LL EXPLAIN, I

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WAS NOT MISTREATED AT ALL.

I WAS AT THE ARMY COMMAND AFTER I LEFT HERE. I WAS LATER AT THE MILITARY POLICE, AT A BATTALION IN FT. TINA, I WAS MOVED AROUND. I BELIEVED THEY MOVED ME AROUND BECAUSE NO MATTER WHERE I WENT, THE BOYS HUGGED ME AND EVEN SHED TEARS FOR ME. THOSE WHO TOOK ME THE FOOD STAYED WITH ME FOR A WHILE, TELLING ME THINGS, ENCOURAGING ME. THAT MESSAGE GAVE ME THE CERTAINTY THAT THIS VIRTUAL SITUATION, THIS TYPE OF MOVIE, WAS NOT GOING TO LAST VERY LONG. LAST NIGHT THEY TOOK ME TO TRULISM, WHERE I WAS RECEIVED BY A GROUP OF SOLDIERS, NAVY COMMAND OFFICERS. THEY TREATED ME IN AN EXCELLENT (MORE)

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MANNER. THERE WAS NO PLACE TO STAY, THEY DID NOT EVEN KNOW I WAS
GOING THERE. THEY STARTED LOOKING FOR A BED FOR ME, A MATTRESS FOR
ME, BUT I TOLD THEM, JUST GET ME A SHEET BECAUSE I AM A SOLDIER
JUST LIKE YOU.

WE STAYED UP DRINKING MUCH COFFEE (LAUGHTER). CAPTAIN MARINO,
THAT IS HIS NAME, HE TREATED ME GREATLY. WE SPOKE A GREAT DEAL. YOU
KNOW ONE THING. THIS TOUR OF FIVE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS HELPED ME
DO SOMETHING I HAD NOT DONE FOR SOME TIME, TALK TO THE BOYS DOWN
THERE, AND LISTEN TO THE SERGEANTS, LIEUTENANTS, AND CAPTAINS. I
HEARD THEIR CRITICISMS, THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY HAVE MUCH TO SAY.
THAT IS ONE OF THE LESSONS I HAVE LEARNED. ONE OF THEM TOLD ME,
COMMANDER, DO NOT FORGET ABOUT US. DO NOT ALLOW THE TRUTHS TO BE
LEFT ON THE WAYSIDE BETWEEN US AND THE HIGH COMMAND. I FELT LIKE
A SOLDIER ONCE AGAIN. I EVEN TOLD ONE OF THEM THIS MORNING, I DO
NOT KNOW WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH ME, BUT IF THEY DECIDE TO DEMOTE
ME, PERHAPS I WILL ASK THEM TO LEAVE ME AS A PRIVATE IN THIS
SOLDIERS' UNIT.

BUT THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU. I DO
NOT KNOW IF YOU HAVE A FAX, WHICH I AM TOLD HAS BEEN AROUND. GIVE
ME ONE, PLEASE. LOOK, WHERE IS IT? HERE. I WROTE THIS THIS
MORNING, WELL AT NOON. IT WAS ALMOST 1500 HOURS (1900 GMT).
HOW? THE HELICOPTER WAS RUNNING TO MOVE ME AROUND AGAIN, TO MOVE
ME AROUND. WHERE? TO LA ORCHILA. THEN, THEY HURRIED ME.
THEY HURRIED ME, AND I TOLD THEM: WAIT I HAVE TO GET MY CLOTHES

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AND THE THINGS I TOOK WITH ME, A FEW LITTLE THINGS. I WAS WASHING
MY UNDERWEAR AND A PAIR OF SOCKS. [LAUGHS] YES; THEY GAVE ME...
[PAUSES] LIKE IN THE OLD TIMES. I WAS WASHING A T-SHIRT; I JOGGED
FOR A WHILE AND RAN WITH SOME BOYS WHO ARE PART OF THE COMMAND. I
DID NOT RUN AS MUCH AS THEM AS THEY ARE TRAINED COMMANDO UNITS.
THE SUN WAS GOOD IN TURIAMO. WHEN I WAS TAKING A SHOWER AND
GETTING DRESSED, THEY HURRIED ME. THEY TOLD ME THE HELICOPTER HAD
JUST LANDED.

THEN A NATIONAL GUARD BOY APPROACHES ME AND ASKS ME A
QUESTION: LOOK, MY COMMANDER, EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO ME. HE WENT

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INTO THE LITTLE ROOM AND CLOSED THE DOOR. SOME OF HIS SUPERIORS WERE OUTSIDE, AND HE DID NOT WANT THEM TO HEAR HIM. HE SPOKE SOFTLY. TELL ME SOMETHING, HE SAID; EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO ME. IS IT TRUE THAT YOU RESIGNED? I TOLD HIM: NO MY SON, I DID NOT RESIGN, AND I WILL NOT RESIGN. THEN, HE STOOD FIRMLY, SALUTED ME, AND TOLD ME: THEN YOU ARE MY PRESIDENT. BUT TELL ME SOMETHING... [APPLAUSE] BUT TELL ME SOMETHING, HE SAID. THE PEOPLE HAVE TO KNOW THIS, BECAUSE THEY ARE SAYING EVERYWHERE THAT YOU RESIGNED, THAT YOU RESIGNED, THAT YOU LEFT THE COUNTRY. THEN I TOLD HIM: WELL, I AM LEAVING. HE TOLD ME: WRITE SOMETHING TO ME; WRITE SOMETHING TO ME AND LEAVE IT IN THE TRASH CAN, BECAUSE I HAVE TO GO OUT. I WILL COME LATER TO PICK IT UP. I WROTE THE PAPER; I WROTE THIS IN A MINUTE. I FOLDED IT AND PUT IT IN THE TRASH CAN, WHICH WAS FULL OF PAPERS. I PLACED IT AT THE BOTTOM.

I LEFT AND WONDERED THAT PERHAPS THIS BOY COULD NOT RETURN, PERHAPS HE WILL NOT SEE THE PAPER, OR PERHAPS HE CANNOT TAKE IT WITH HIM. I DO NOT KNOW. THIS WAS IN TURIAMO, A UNIT THAT DOES NOT EVEN HAVE A TELEPHONE. THERE IS NO TELEVISION SIGNAL OVER THERE. THEN, I WROTE THIS; IT CAME FROM MY SOUL: TURIAMO, 13
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APRIL 2002 AT 1445 HOURS [1845 GMT]. TO THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE AND WHOEVER IT MAY CONCERN: I, HUGO CHAVEZ FRIAS, A VENEZUELAN, PRESIDENT OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, DECLARE THAT I HAVE NOT RELINQUISH THE LEGITIMATE POWER THE PEOPLE GAVE ME. ALWAYS FOREVER, HUGO CHAVEZ FRIAS. [APPLAUSE]

THE THING IS THAT I GOT HERE, AND EVERYBODY HAS A COPY OF THIS. [LAUGHS] AND THEY TELL ME THAT IS GOING AROUND THE WORLD. THAT BOY DID IT. HE MUST HAVE RETURNED AND SOUGHT THE PAPER, PUT IT I DO NOT KNOW WHERE, AND LEFT. I DO NOT KNOW HOW HE REQUESTED A PERMIT; I DO NOT KNOW HOW THIS STARTED CIRCULATING. I CONGRATULATE YOU, RODRIGUEZ. [APPLAUSE] RODRIGUEZ, JUST LIKE ISAIAS.

BY THE WAY, YESTERDAY MORNING I HAD THE CHANCE TO WATCH TELEVISION IN A SET AN OFFICER LENT ME. HE PUT IT THERE. I WAS LYING ON A LITTLE BED. ON TELEVISION, THEY WERE SAYING SO MANY THINGS. I WAS LIKE I WANT TO SLEEP SOME, AND SUDDENLY I HEAR A FAMILIAR VOICE. ISAIAS RODRIGUEZ. I BOLTED FROM THE BED AND THEN SAT ON IT. I AM GOING TO WATCH WHAT ISAIAS SAYS. WHEN HE FINISHED TALKING, TWO TEARS TRULY INUNDATED MY EYES. I SAID: THERE HE IS, A MAN TELLING THE TRUTH. [APPLAUSE] THESE STATEMENTS BY ISAIAS CONSTITUTED A SIGN, A RAY OF HOPE IN THAT WHIRLWIND OF LIES. IT IS TRUE THAT THEY PUT IN FRONT OF ME, IN THE TABLE, A SHEET OF PAPER THAT READ: RESIGNATION. I DID NOT READ IT. I WAS THE MEN WHO WERE THERE THAT EARLY MORNING THAT THEY HAD BETTER PUT IT AWAY, BECAUSE I WAS NOT GOING TO RESIGN. I AM AN IMPRISONED PRESIDENT, BUT I DO NOT RESIGN.

HOWEVER, THEY MADE IT PUBLIC, AND THEY READ IT IN THE MEDIA AS THOUGH IT WERE SIGNED. LOOK AT THE MANY LIES. WELL, THIS IS
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PART OF THE REFLECTION WE MUST MAKE, THIS IS PART OF THE REFLECTION.

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WE MUST MAKE. I ALSO WATCHED IN A TELEVISION STATION AT THOSE HOURS... (PAUSES) I HAD A TELEVISION SET FOR VARIOUS HOURS, AND I REMAINED ALERT. I BELIEVE IT WAS YESTERDAY MORNING. THEN, I SEE A LADY ANCHOR OF A VENEZUELAN TELEVISION STATION READING A PAPER; SHE WAS READING MY RESIGNATION. OF COURSE SHE KNEW, UNLESS MY SIGNATURE WAS FORGED. BUT LIKE ISAIAS CLEARLY SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT. WHERE IS IT? EVEN SO, THIS REQUIRES AN ENTIRE PROCESS.

ANYWAY, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S COURAGE, BECAUSE HE DID IT WHILE THEY WERE ARRESTING PEOPLE, FORCING PEOPLE (MORE)

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TEXT:

OUT OF THEIR HOMES HANDCUFFED, FORCING GOVERNORS OUT OF THEIR
OFFICES. IT WAS AN AVALANCHE OF HATRED, WHICH WE HOPE WILL NEVER
SEE IN OUR COUNTRY. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A CALL ON
THOSE WHO OPPOSE. YOU VENEZUELANES WHO OPPOSE, OPPOSE ME. I
CANNOT... [PAUSES] I WILL TRY TO MAKE YOU CHANGE; I HOPE SO. BUT
YOU CANNOT OPPOSE THIS CONSTITUTION, BECAUSE THIS IS A BOOK FOR
ALL. IT IS LIKE THE POPOL VUH, THE BOOK OF THE MAYAS. THE POPOL
VUH WAS EVERYONE'S BOOK, THE BOOK OF THE COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE TO
ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THIS, ESPECIALLY THIS: DO NOT LET YOURSELF BE
POISONED; DO NOT LET THEM POISON YOU WITH SO MANY THINGS AND SO
MANY LIES. LET US REFLECT; LET US PUT THINGS IN THEIR RIGHT
PERSPECTIVE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL, FOR THE SAKE OF VENEZUELA.

WELL, I AM NOT GOING TO TAKE LONGER. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE
OUT THERE IN THE STREET. THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO REVIEW; THERE
ARE MANY REPORTS TO RECEIVE. THERE ARE DECISION, SOME URGENT
DECISION, TO MAKE, SO THAT THE COUNTRY WILL NOT STOP AND THE THINGS
THAT HAVE LEFT THEIR PLACE A LITTLE OR A GREAT DEAL; THE PLACES
WHERE THERE HAS BEEN SOME LOOTING, SOME REPRESSION BY SOME
POLICEMEN, SOME ANXIETY, A GREAT DEAL OF ANXIETY BY MILLIONS OF
VENEZUELANES WILL RETURN TO CALMNESS. A RETURN TO PEACE MUST
PREVAIL NOW. I URGED THE COUNTRY TO RETURN TO CALMNESS. I URGE
TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF VENEZUELANES; I URGE TO CONTINUE THE
MARCH AT THE PACE OF WINNERS.

SO I LEFT. WHILE I WAS LOOKING AT SOME STARS WHEN I WAS THERE
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IN TURISMO -- THIS IS HOW I WILL END THIS EARLY-MORNING MESSAGE...
[PAUSES] TO MY DEAR COUNTRY, MY DEAR VENEZUELA, MY DEAR PEOPLE, MY
VERY DEAR ARMED FORCES BOYS AND GALS. I WAS LOOKING AT A STAR; I
WAS LOOKING AT IT FIRMLY. I WAS THINKING ABOUT MANY THINGS: THE
FAMILY, MARISABEL -- I COULD NOT TALK TO HER -- MY CHILDREN, MY
FIVE CHILDREN. I WONDERED WHERE THEY WERE. I ASKED PLEASE LET
THEM BE TOGETHER. I THOUGHT ABOUT MY GRANDDAUGHTER, MY FOLKS, MY
FRIENDS, MY CLOSEST AIDES, BECAUSE I SENSED THAT A PERSECUTION,
OFFENSES, AND EVEN THREATS WERE GOING TO BE UNLEASHED AGAINST
THEM. I THOUGHT A GREAT DEAL ABOUT DIOSDADO; I CALLED HIM THAT
MORNING. I TOLD HIM TO GET THERE, BUT HE NEVER GOT THERE. I

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THOUGHT A GREAT DEAL ABOUT RODRIGUEZ CHACIN, WHOM I WAS TOLD HAD BEEN TAKEN HANDCUFFED. I THOUGHT A GREAT DEAL ABOUT ALL OF YOU, ABOUT MILLIONS, ABOUT THE ANXIETY AND UNCERTAINTY THAT PREVAILED.

HOWEVER, SUDDENLY WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT THAT STAR, AT THE WATER'S EDGE; REMEMBERING; AND BRINGING TO MY MIND AND MY CONSCIENCE THE BEING -- AS A CONSCIOUS MAN THAT I AM -- THE MEMORIES OF SO MANY YEARS. THE KNOWLEDGE I HAVE OF THE CORE OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN INSIDE THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE FOR ALMOST A DECADE. I AM NOT GOING TO LEAVE NEVER AGAIN. KNOWING THE COURAGE OF THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE; KNOWING THE DEGREES OF ORGANIZATION THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE... [PAUSES] THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST ASSETS WE HAVE: THE DEGREE OF ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSE. POLITICAL PARTIES, BOLIVARIAN CIRCLES. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VINDICATE THEM, BECAUSE THE BOLIVARIAN CIRCLES ARE NOT ARMED GROUPS AT ALL. THEY ARE PART OF A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION; A CAMPAIGN WAS UNLEASHED... [APPLAUSE]

IF FOR SOME REASON A MEMBER OF A BOLIVARIAN CIRCLE IS ARMED, IS ARMED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OR WITH OTHER INTENTIONS, I CALL ON
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THEM -- IF, FOR SOME REASON, THIS IS TRUE -- TO END THIS ATTITUDE. WE DO NOT NEED THEM LIKE THAT, TO BE HONEST. NO, NO. WE HAVE PROVEN WHERE ARE THE WEAPONS OF THE REPUBLIC, THE WEAPONS OF THE PEOPLE TO DEFEND THIS GOVERNMENT AND THE REPUBLIC. THEY ARE IN THE HANDS OF CONSCIOUS PEOPLE, BECAUSE, TO BE HONEST, THE MILITARY OFFICERS WHO VIOLATED THEIR OATH, WHO JOIN IGNOMINY FOR SOME REASON WILL BE JUDGED BY HISTORY AND THE LAW. HOWEVER, THEY HAD NO COMMAND; IT WAS A VIRTUAL GROUP. THOSE WHO TRULY HAVE THE COMMAND OF THE TROOPS STARTING REACTING IMMEDIATELY. THEN, ON THE ONE SIDE, THE ORGANIZED PEOPLE'S GREAT CAPACITY TO RESPONSE HAS BEEN PROVEN. I AM VERY PROUD OF THEM. ON THE OTHER, WE HAVE THE ARMED FORCES' ORGANIZED CAPACITY TO RESPONSE.

THIS IS WHY I WAS TELLING THAT KNOWING THE PEOPLE THE WAY I DO AND KNOWING THE ARMED FORCES AS I DO, LOOKING AT THAT STAR, I REACHED THE CONCLUSION... [PAUSES] SOMETHING INSIDE TOLD ME BE COOL, HUGO, BECAUSE NEITHER THESE PEOPLE NOR THESE MILITARY BOYS -- TO USE A VERY TYPICAL TERM -- NEITHER THESE PEOPLE NOR THESE TRUE MILITARY OFFICERS ARE GOING TO ACCEPT THIS OFFENSE. SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN. I TOLD MYSELF THAT WE COULD NOT LOSE SO MANY EFFORTS, THAT THE EFFORTS OF SO MANY FOR SUCH A LONG TIME AND IN SUCH INTENSITY, EFFORTS THAT BEGOT THIS CONSTITUTION AND THIS NEW FIFTH REPUBLIC, ARE GOING TO DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT SO EASILY. NO, I WAS CERTAIN THAT THIS COULD NOT HAPPEN. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE WE HAD NOT LIVED. NO, THE SEED WE PLANTED SPROUTED, GREW, AND WE ARE SEEING THE RESULTS, THE FRUITS IN THE PEOPLE'S HEARTS.

NOW, I WAS CERTAIN, I WAS VERY CERTAIN THAT WE WOULD RETURN. I WAS ABSOLUTELY SURE. [APPLAUSE; PEOPLE SING: HE RETURNED! HE RETURNED! HE RETURNED!] NOW, YOU KNOW WHAT? THE ONLY THING IS THAT I NEVER THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD RETURN SO FAST. [LAUGHS]
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LOOK, I HAS STARTED WRITING SOME POEMS; I COULD NOT EVEN FINISH THE

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FIRST ONE. [LAUGHS] I DID NOT HAVE TIME TO RELAX A SINGLE DAY. [LAUGHS] I THANK YOU A GREAT DEAL. SO; THANK YOU VERY MUCH; THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [PEOPLE SHOUT: UNITED PEOPLE SHALL NEVER BE DEFEATED!]

NOW I AM GOING TO FINISH BY REPEATING SOMETHING THAT SEEMS TO ME MUST BE REPEATED: LET THIS BE NO EMPTY WORDS; I ASK GOD NOT TO LET THESE WORDS BE BLOWN BY THE WIND. I TRULY MAKE A CALL TO THE UNITY OF VENEZUELANAS, TO UNITY BY RESPECTING DIFFERENCES. I MAKE A CALL TO GOOD SENSE; I MAKE A CALL TO UNDERSTANDING. I CALL ON THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, THE RELIGIONS, THE (MORE)

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BUSINESSMEN OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, THE LEADERS OF THESE PARTIES, UNION LEADERS, BUSINESS LEADERS. I ESPECIALLY CALL -- I TAKE THE CROSS -- TO MEDIA OWNERS. PLEASE REFLECT ONCE AND FOR ALL; THIS COUNTRY ALSO BELONGS TO YOU.

I ALSO HAVE TO REFLECT ON MANY THINGS; YES I DO. I HAVE DONE SO ALL THESE HOURS. I HAVE LESSONS HERE AND HERE THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET SINCE I THOUGHT ABOUT THEM SO MUCH, SO ANXIOUSLY, SO PAINFULLY, WITH SO MUCH UNCERTAINTY. SO, I COME WILLING TO RECTIFY WHAT NEEDS TO BE RECTIFIED. BUT I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO NEEDS TO RECTIFY. ALL OF US HAVE TO RECTIFY MANY THINGS, SO THAT WE WILL RETURN TO CALMNESS, WORK, DRIVE, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOLIVARIAN VENEZUELA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FORGE THE FATHERLAND FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, TO CONTINUE TO MAKE BOLIVAR'S DREAM A REALITY.

I AM ANNOUNCING SOME THINGS I REMEMBER WERE IN THE AGENDA FOR THIS WEEK THAT BELONGS TODAY, SUNDAY. WE HAD ALREADY AGREED ON THEM A FEW WEEKS AGO. SUMMONING ROUNDTABLES OF NATIONAL TALKS. I MAKE A CALL ON ALL THE COUNTRY'S SECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE NATIONAL TALKS ROUNDTABLES, WHICH WILL BEGIN WITH THE INSTALLATION THIS WEEK, ON 18 APRIL -- 199 APRIL IS THIS WEEK; IT IS A GOOD DAY TO AGAIN RAISE THE FLAGS OF THE FATHERLAND, AS USUAL. THAT DATE, LIKE TODAY, WILL GO DOWN IN THE REPUBLIC HISTORY. ON 18 APRIL, WE WILL INSTALL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL [APPLAUSE], AND THIS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL WILL BE THE CENTER OR THE CORE FROM

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WHERE A COORDINATING AND EXTENDED COMMISSION WILL COME OUT WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER NATIONAL SECTORS TO PROMOTE THESE NATIONAL TALKS ROUNDTABLES ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. I WANT THEM TO MAKE CRITICISMS ON ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, TERRITORIAL, INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. BUT LET US DISCUSS IT. THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH OUR POLICIES AND DECISIONS SAY SO, BUT LOYALLY AND HONESTLY, TO START LOOKING FOR THE LARGEST CONSENSUS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE THE OBJECTIVE IS THE SAME FOR EVERYBODY, REGARDLESS OF OUR DIFFERENCES: THE FATHERLAND, THE VENEZUELA OF ALL.

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I AM GOING TO ANNOUNCE SOMETHING THAT I WAS

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NOT ALLOWED TO ANNOUNCE. I WAS GOING TO ANNOUNCE IT THAT DAY, AND THEY DID NOT LET ME. THERE WAS NO TIME; THE SITUATION DID NOT ALLOW IT. THAT DAY -- WHAT DAY WAS IT? 11, 11 -- GASTON PARRA LUZARDO, VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM INC. [PDVSA] PRESIDENT [APPLAUSE], CAME HERE AND TOLD ME: PRESIDENT, IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE WITH THE SEARCH OF A DEFINITE SOLUTION TO THE PDVSA PROBLEM, WHICH WE DO NOT STOP ACKNOWLEDGING AS A PROBLEM STEMMING FROM THIS TRANSITION, THESE CHANGES AND MISTAKES MADE ON BOTH SIDES... [PAUSES] WE WERE REALLY CONCERNED; THIS IS A REAL, NOT A VIRTUAL PROBLEM. THE VIRTUAL PROBLEM AND THE CONSPIRACY, WHICH TRIED TO IGNORE AND KICK OUR PEOPLE AND CONSTITUTION, FELL ON TOP OF THE REAL PROBLEM. SO, PARRA BROUGHT ME -- THEY MUST BE THERE; I DID NOT EVEN TAKE ANY PAPERS WITH ME. THEY WERE LEFT HERE -- HE BROUGHT ME THE COLLECTIVE RESIGNATION, THE RESIGNATION OF THE ENTIRE PDVSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS. I ACCEPTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS, LIKE I ACCEPT THOSE OF ALL, TO OPEN THE PATH TO A REORGANIZATION OF THE PDVSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO STRENGTHEN IT AND, ABOVE ALL, TO GIVE IT THE NECESSARY CAPACITY TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THIS LARGE OIL COMPANY. SO I MAKE A CALL ON ALL SENIOR WORKERS, THE OTHER MIDDLE TECHNICAL SECTORS, AND WORKERS IN GENERAL. NO ONE WILL BE ATTACKED. HOWEVER, I

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MAKE A CALL TO WORK, TO DESIST OF SOME ATTITUDES, AND START WORKING TO PRODUCE, REFINED, EXPORT, AND SELL OIL AND ITS BY-PRODUCTS AND MAKE THIS COMPANY, WHICH AS WE HAVE SAID BELONG TO ALL VENEZUELANES, HIGHLY EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE.

SO WITH THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS, I RETURN, LIKE THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF HOME, I RETURN AFTER TWO DAYS OF ABSENCE AND UNCERTAINTY. I RETURN SPIRITUALLY CHARGED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF LOVE, ABOVE ALL. IF TWO DAYS AGO I LOVED YOU, FOLLOWING THESE HISTORIC DAYS, THIS UNPRECEDENTED DEMONSTRATION OF HOW PEOPLE AND THEIR SOLDIERS STOP A COUNTERREVOLUTION AND BEGIN A COUNTER-COUNTERREVOLUTION WITHOUT SHOOTING A SINGLE BULLET AND WITHOUT BLOODSHED AND PUT THINGS BACK IN THEIR PLACES; FOLLOWING THESE MEMORABLE, HISTORIC, INDELIBLE DAYS, IF I LOVED YOU YESTERDAY, TODAY I LOVE YOU EVEN MORE. [APPLAUSE] LOVE IS PAID WITH LOVE. GOOD MORNING TO ALL VENEZUELA. GOOD MORNING TO ALL, AND LET US MOVE FORWARD CALMLY AND WISELY.

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